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In re Application of:

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For: **Method of Fabricating an
Interconnect Structure Employing
Air Gaps Between Metal Lines and
Between Metal Layers**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the *Advisory Action* dated June 3, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in light of the attached *Request for Continued Examination* filed under 37 CFR §1.114 in the above-identified application.

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